

Many Good Lessons Are to be Drawn From Such Catastrophies.

FARTHQUAKE AND THEN FIRE.

he Theme Handled by Rev Dr. Paden At First Presbyterian Church-Rev. Young on Horror.

A number of the city Lastors preached vesterday on the San Francisco disaster and the lessons to be drawn from ich catastrophies. In the First Presbyterlan church, Rev. Dr. Paden ached from the text, "And after the arthquake a fire . . . and after the re a still small voice." I Kings, 19: The preacher said in part:

The hope for San Francisco, as for all, in the face of calamity, is not at God was or will be specially presat in the earthquake or the fire, but hat if we listen we may hear Him eak in the after "quiet. After the thquake and the fire comes the ce of gentle stillness. This does not ean that God does not speak in the hquake and the fire; His voice is He speaks in the tersilent. of natural law as well as in the which comes as we rest upon rsonal love.

shocks which make terror. raid, calamities which make our s quake, fires which burn out our or melt down our self-sufficiency their place in human discipline, has its place in the schooling of ul and the making of character. ut danger we would be without . As Horace Bushnell has said: ear and dare—these two great s are among the chief moral of life. Danger is the educator mage and pain of its other twin fortitude."

one of the commonplaces of experience that such calamities thquakes and fire seem to break fountains of charity as from a cep. The very best that is in t of men is called forth and of human beneficence break in unexpected places. It is as if shock were needed to liberate our thropy; as if some universal of calamity were needed to weld gether as one man.

MESSAGE OF ELIJAH.

Another of the messages spoken by small voice which comes after arthquake and fire makes em-c comment on the comparative of people and things. Men and n who were thinking on Tuesday their houses and stores, their new ing gowns or their trade, by Wedbe gowing over glad if they could be alive with those they loved and safe about them. We are therefore, surprised to read in the s that after the first terror of the had passed the mass of the peo-emed to look upon such little as the destruction of their homes erty, if not with indifference,

by the sea look upon this Sabbath This disaster forces us to thought We scan the pages of history to see if ing, for the need is great. How much will you give?" there is anything recorded just like this. We discover that others have suffered, too. Such experiences have been from the beginning. Pick up a book upon physical geography and see how true this is. Note the fissures and scars upon the face of the earth. REV. SIMPKIN'S SERMON. "Love and Serve Your God First of

All?' Said He.

In his yesterday morning's sermon in the Phillips Congregational church,

AT Y. M. C. A.

was more demonstrable

In 1755 Lisbon was destroyed and 25,-000 lives lost in six minutes. There is some similarity between Lisbon and some similarity between Lisbon and the San Francisco disaster. There, as in this instance, fire completed the destruction begun by the shaking earth. Forty years ago a most de-structive earthquake swept South America. These catastrophes bring to us the sense of our utter helplessness. Man is great the has been eiter as Man is great. He has been given re-gal powers. In him are wonderful pos-sibilities. Yet in the presence of some of the forces which operate in the universe what a pigmy he seems! After all we have not much room for pride

or boasting. "Such a disaster as this forces us to reflection upon certain of the graver problems of the universe. Some un-wise things will be said about this dis-aster. There will be conflict of thought and of opinion in the attempt to solve and of opinion in the attempt to solve some of the problems arising out of it and in the attempt to answer some questions suggested by it. It is no time, however, to lose failth in men or in God. There is no new hard ques-tion prompted by it. The questions which arise out of suffering and loss and death are the same everywhere. This has been so from the beginning riches of which we have no concep-tion. But the knowledge and hope is in our hearts and whatever calamity may befail us, we feel joy and comfort This has been so from the beginning of history. If you read the drama of Job you will believe it. The hard things in human experience should intensify

through our faith.' faith. Law is in the world and permeates it. It is often seen to be mer-ciloss, but that is because it is law. Back of the law is the great loving heart of God. This is no time for nescience. It is no time to despair. "Two pictures come to us across the minor the Badde. In his talk yesterday afternoon, be-fore the Y. M. C. A., Rev. P. A. Simpkin said: "In the smoking ruins of the beautiful city on the coast that had only the last Sabbath kept a joyful Easter season there walked a spirit of wires from the Pacific. One is a picof desolation and disaster unparallelled in American history, love of God in human breasts, a figure love of God in human breasts, a figure of unselfishness and love which sim-ply meant Jesus Christ. Whenever men, women and children looked up towards the higher things of life it was the spirit of Jesus that "was at work. The very longings that they themselves must have felt for him at times use spirate of the truth of His story of helplessness and misery, of darkness and death. There is a picture even blacker than that, of human vul-tures, preying upon the dying and the dead, ghasily marauders without con-science, whose sympathies have shriv-elled to naught and whose souls are as black as hell. There is another pic-ture—that of brave telegraphers and times was a proof of the truth of His message and His ability to save them ture—that of brave telegraphers and newspaper men sitting by their click-ing instruments, with fire and ruin about them, flashing, out the story across the continent and calling for help for the stricken city; of fire-men fighting grimly the dread demon and falling exhausted in their tracks; of more drives plunging their ma which were the very records which told about Him. "If they accepted Jesus, He would not take away from them their ambitions and their talents, but would augment what talents they possessed. of motor drivers plunging their ma-chines through debris and the darkwould not ask them to make retribu-tion for their sins for He had done that ness, summoning aid here and there; of physicians and nurses in the very heart of the inferno coolly ministering Himself and God would not ask the payment of a debt twice over. But i they knowingly rejected Him then they would find on the last day that the fruits of that rejection were theirs."

to the wounded and distressed; of priests kneeling beside the dying and ministering consolation in the face of death; of fathers protecting families of mothers shielding their helpless children: of city authorities alert to warn and to wrestle with the destructive elements wreaking vengeance or men and things which would stay their progress; a story of heroism, of dar-ing, of sublime courage. "It is upon this picture that I would

dwell. You ask me if God is, and as I look at these brave hosts of men I say, 'God is,' and men bear upon them His image. It is this picture which will live in the American heart. It is this which has built our cities and created our commerce and it is this which will build upon this spot warm with the ashes of a dead city a newer nobler commercial center "Thescities of the land will respond present need of spiritual assistance.



Sympathy should be extended to the to the cry for aid in a magnificent manner. The villages will not be be-hind. Everybody should give for the benefit of these stricken ones. This is a time for prayer and for practical givheathen in sending them the God, in accordance with the word of God, in accordance with the divine command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every croature

CALAMITY TAUGHT LESSON.

Subject of Discourse by Rev. D. M Helmick Yesterday.

In the Iliff Methodist church, Rev. D. M. Helmick spoke on "Some Lessons to be Learned from the Great Calamity,"

Rev. P. A. Simpkin referred to a recent episode when a wealthy man and his family from San rancisco stood upon be Learned from the Great Calamity," and in the course of his remarks said; "In the destruction of San Francisco, nearly 500,000 people suffered, and many lost their lives, but nobody would as-sert for a single moment that they were all bad people, as there were many women and children among the number. I have not had time to go ing the hearcoming details of the tert. the dock in New York ready to board a steamer which should take them to Germany for a pleasure trip. At the last moment a telegram reached him last moment a telegram reached him that an earthquake had taken place in his home city followed by a fire that had destroyed all his property. The pleasure trip ended right there. They gave up to despair and returned "You may store up all the worldly goods you can," continued the speaker, "but if you place all your hopes in them, you may some morning wake up to find them all wiped out, noth-ing but ashes remaining. What will you do then? Cry out to the Creator whom you never served? Love and serve your God first of all. Learn to commune with His Spirit and in the hour of your trial you will be comfortinto the harrowing details of the ter rible calamity, you are familiar with it But if you can find anything more cruel, relentless and vindictive than na-ture in the operation of her laws, call ture in the operation of her laws, call it retribution for its violations, or what-ever you may. I don't know where it can be found. Nowhere has nature ever offered anything in remuneration of wounds inflicted, and, with all the crueity attributed to the God of the Bible, if, in the history of the human family. He has listened but once to the cry of His children and responded in sympathy and comfort, that is more than nature has done when her law has been violated. commune with His Spirit and in the hour of your trial you will be comfort-ed. Know that life upon this earth as it exists to our mortal vision is short, and if we serve God in right-cousness, we will in eternal life receive has been violated.

"We believe that the God of the Bible can be importuned with reasonable hone that He will respond in acts of hope that He will respond in acts of mercy and kindness. The sympathy evidenced by the people of the country for the sufferers in San Francisco is proof sufficient that the God of the Bible is far superior to a cold and un-feeling nature. It has been suggested that San Francisco had been devastat ed because it was a wicked city, but, ed because it was a wicked city, but, size compared, I doubt if there was any more crime there than there is in Salt Lake, and, again, if crime alone was the cause, why should the innocent be made to suffer with the guilty. "It is not necessary to speculate as

to the origin of earthquakes, cyclones, tidal waves or volcanic eruptions. Whatever was in their pathway was destroyed, and the innocent and guilty alike suffered. Lisbon was destroyed in 1755 and thousands of people were killed, but the city was rebuilt and has not suffered since. As Lisbon had been rebuilt, as Lot had pitched his tent to-ward Sodom, and as other devastated cities have been rebuilt. I believe that San Francisco will rise again. Such the origin of earthquakes, cyclones San Francisco will rise again. Su cities drew neople to them because their advantages and the people w Such builded them up took chances, the same as they might take elsewhere."

GOING TO COAST.

Councilmen Davis and Crabtree to As

PRESIDENT STEVENSON Of Westminster College Preached in

The Third Presbyterian Church. President Stevenson of the Westminster college preached yesterday morn-ing, in the Third Presbyterian church, drawing lessons from the San Francis-co catastrophe. The theme was really foreign missions, but he used the great disaster and the readiness with which the country responded to the call for aid, to illustrate the growth of human aid, to illustrate the growth of human sympathy which was also seen in the sending of missionaries to foreign shores. The San Francisco people are only in temporary need of aid, while in Mr. Crabtree individually. Upon their arrival they will confer with Mayor Schmitz as to the kind of supplies that ate needed at present, and will advise the Salt Lake committee so that it may Asia and Africa are people's in ever act accordingly.

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THE TRAIN TO

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Little Country Dailies Sell for Ten Cents Each-All Kinds of News And Much Suspense.

(Delayed Letter.) Special Correspondence.

On Southern Pacific No. 5, nearing Oakland, April 20 .- As the train nears its destination printed bulletins issued from the presses of the little country

sheets are being retailed on the cars for 10 cents each with purchasers all along the aisle. The suspense of the night is accentuated as the train from Sait Lake takes the siding at intervals to allow the carloads of refugees from the horror to proceed on their way east. Every train passed this morning has been loaded with haggard, jaded people who are fleeing from the sights and scenes of the past three days.

ALL WANTED TELEGRAMS.

On board are some 150 people, each and every one, with the possible excepion of the representatives of the press who are going in by hook or crook, has a dear one, or perchance an entire family in or around San Francisco. It is a gloomy trip and every delay only serves to increase the anxiety of those on board. At every telegraph station along the line the Western Union office is the magnet that draws the people from the cars and anxious eyes follow he conductor whenever he makes his appearance with a little yellow envelope in his hand.

SOME HEARTS MADE GLAD.

Eight or 10 hearts have been made glad on the receipt of telegraphic in-telligence that their dear ones are safe. Among them are Chester Deering, asin scores of similar ones. One gentle-man who last week lost a relative in he Kearsarge explosion and was on its way to San Francisco in the en-leavor to locate his sister among the 00,000 refuges, left the train at Wells, Nev., upon receiving intelligence that she was safe and now on her way home east and would meet him. Another, a Denver business man, had

ecently sent his wife and two children the coast. The 12-year-old boy is a to the coast. The 12-year-old boy is a paralytic and has to be carried when noved. They arrived in San Francisco



In the face of all this is the terse sen-tence "marital law" confronting them. Nobody allowed to enter San Francis-co, is the order that caps the climax. All kinds of schemes are being devised to beaut through the line of huseparts and bayonets: syndicates are being devised formed to hire tugs to carry then, across the bay on the arrival at Oak-land. "My God." exclaims one man at intervals, "I have got to get through. My aged mother, wife and two babes are somewhere in that hell, and 1 will swim and walk my shoes off but I will find them." Others sit still and say nothing.

HOW TO GET THROUGH.

In the smoking rooms on the Pull-mans men sat late into the night on all the available scats, in the wash-basins and on the floor discussing ways and means to break through the lines. It was universally agreed that the newspaper men would be given passes and for the past 24 hours those on board have been approached by anxious people who asked that they be allowed to act as assistant newsgatherers-unti the lines had been passed.

WILD RUMORS AFLOAT. At every way station the wildest of rumors are in circulation, among them being that an active volcano has start-ed 40 miles north of San Francisco; that a big tidal wave is due to enter the city south of the Cliff House; that have been shot down h dozens while trying to break through the lines and many similar stories which are likely to follow in the wake of a great calamity

COOK'S LURID TALES,

The cook on the dining car also is i great vogue, not so much on account of the dishes he prepares, but the fact that he was in San Francisco yesterday. For jurid stories this particula Senigambian has an accomplished tal ent. He claims to have seen ghould from the Barbary coast district cut-ting off the fingers of dead women in order to secure the rings on them and had to fight for his life to get out The general verdict among the cooler heads is that that chef is an accom-plished understudy for Ananias.

The optimistic passengers are doing their best to cheer the downhearted. The stories told in the morning editions The stories told in the morning editions of the papers on the spontaneous move-ment throughout the country in the di-rection of aid and relief has arused considerable enthusiasm.

SALT LAKE IS PRAISED. The prompt manner in which Salt glad on the receipt of telegraphic In-teiligence that their dear ones are safe. Among them are Chester Deering, as-sistant manager of the Pennsylvania Fire Insurance company at San Fran-cisco. Last reports he had received from home were to the effect that his wife was lying in the hospital unable to move, while his little ones were at thome. He received a dispatch stating that his property had all been de-etroored but friends bud carried his that his property had all been de-stroyed, but friends had carried his wife to safety. This was only one case good town, what I have seen of it, an after all is said and done about the Mermons in Salt Lake, I maintain that if any other religious body was in con-trol there everybody would have to go to bed at 8 o'clock. I don't know a better town for its size in the Union than Salt Lake, take it whichever way you want, from her people, to their en-

terprise and amusements." RENO ROLLED IN.

But every town is rising to the sltu-ation. At Reno this morning early the train hands told a story as they



loaded provisions on the baggage car. If there is anything that Reno takes social pride in it is her Wheel club, it appears that one of the members of the club was out of town when the news arrived yesterday that his wife was in San Francisco. The club did not waste any time notificing the missing mem-San Francisco. The club did not waste any time notifying the missing mem-her, but immediately delegated two of its members to go to the scene and final the lady. This morning others were at the depot to notify the anxious hus-hand that his wife was safe and was now on her way home. And that's the may it goes

way it goes. On the train passengers are giving each other the names and addresses of relatives and friends so that a mutual search party is thus being organized. However on arriving in Oakland, all premature plans may be arranged.

RHEUMATISM MAKES LIFE MIS-ERABLE.

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A Warning.

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ALL EAGLES

And their friends are invited to attend a GRAND BALL to be given by the "Eagle Base Bali and Social Club," in the Salt Palace hall Tuesday evening. April 24th, at 8 p. m. Admission fifty cents per couple.

sist in Relief Work. President A. J. Davis of the city council, and Councilman C. J. Crabtree will leave after the council meeting tonight for San Francisco to assist in the relief work and to oversee the distribution of supplies sent from Utah. They will represent the relief committee of this city, but the expenses of the trip will be borne by Mr. Davis and

parative equanimity message Elijah found in the and fire was exceedingly it virtually amounted to od still reigns, pluck-up cour-back to your work, you will ers waiting and willing to help ber waiting and willing to help Like all scriptural messages, this to Elijah was spoken for all time, who have heeded it have again gain plucked victory out of seem-efeat. Activity, hope, faith and ge were what he needed. This een true in the history of hard-en and cities. I do not recall any in city which, having responded is inspiration, has not been re-and rebuilt better. Boston, Bal-e and Chicago have all virtually d the results of disaster. San dsco will more surely be rebuilt continue her life for better or for than was the very much more shattered city of Lisbon. The ion is as to whether the people of ity will be the better or the worse heir terrible experience. During terrible experience. During ys of excitement it has beer During days of excitement it has been t that in some self-sacrifice has od blessed dominance, while in selfishness has prevailed; some prung to their feet like heroes; very few, I believe, have d about among the ruins like s. It speaks well for human that self-sacrifice and heroism iven dominant tone to the events tearble week. terrible week.

THE LAW BY MOSES.

ofessor Shaler of Harvard calls tion to the rather notable fact the two events which have probnenced the race more than any diuenced the race more than any wo events in its history, are con-by the Scriptures with earth-. The first was the giving of v by Moses at Sinai. After the uake came the giving of the cue: after the reign of terror he new reign of divine law. To be earthquake which swallowed rath and his troop was a simple re

other notable event was the on and resurrection of Jesus. o was connected with an earth-As after the earthquake came As after the earthquake came , so after the earthquake came efficial death and the conquer-m life of the Master. After n' of terror came the reign of ing love and abounding life. To vulsion the earthquake which in the release and enlargement and Silve was a simple corol-I in the release and timple corol-They were not only obedient to v of love, but they were loyal s of the risen Christ.

te may be those in San Francisco ill be swallowed up by the dis-There certainly will be many ID be ilberated by it for larger and better life."

REV. YOUNG'S TOPIC.

Time Like This We Look For Comforting Word."

Senjamin Young's topic in the Methodist church yesterday , was "The Pacific Coast Dis-with the forty-fifth Psalm as Methodist with the forty-fifth Psaim as t. The speaker said in part: a time tike this we look for a ting word. It is here in this The world stands in horror at eck of business, the devastation res and the loss of life through take and fire on the Pacific The situation in San Francisco alling. It is difficult for us to of a magnificent city wrecked of a magnificent city wrecked y. The results of almost imable toil, the accomplishments ing engineers, the creations of famous landmarks which give o a city, great hostelries, com-depots, beautiful homes, all y earthquake and consumed It is hard for us to compre-situation. There is nothing a all American history. In destruction to property few in history equal it. It is a heart-



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